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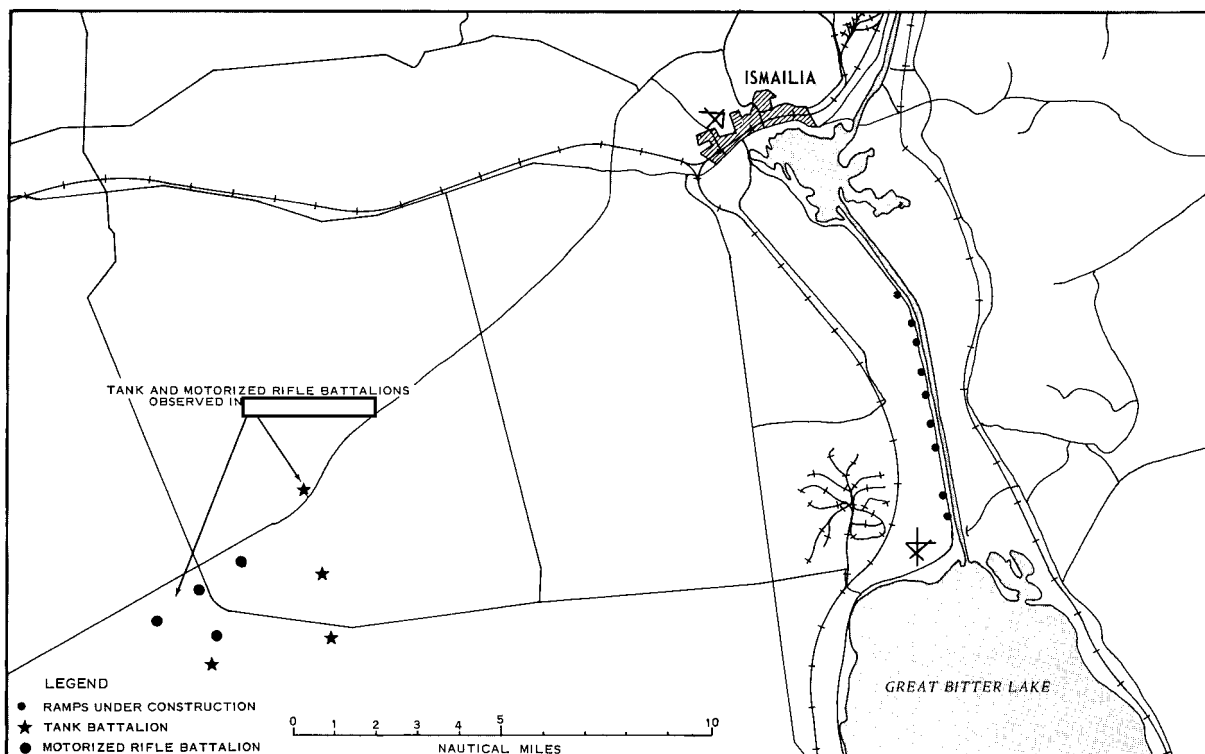


FIGURE 3. LOCATIONS OF PROBABLE ASSAULT RAMPS ALONG THE SUEZ CANAL, [REDACTED]

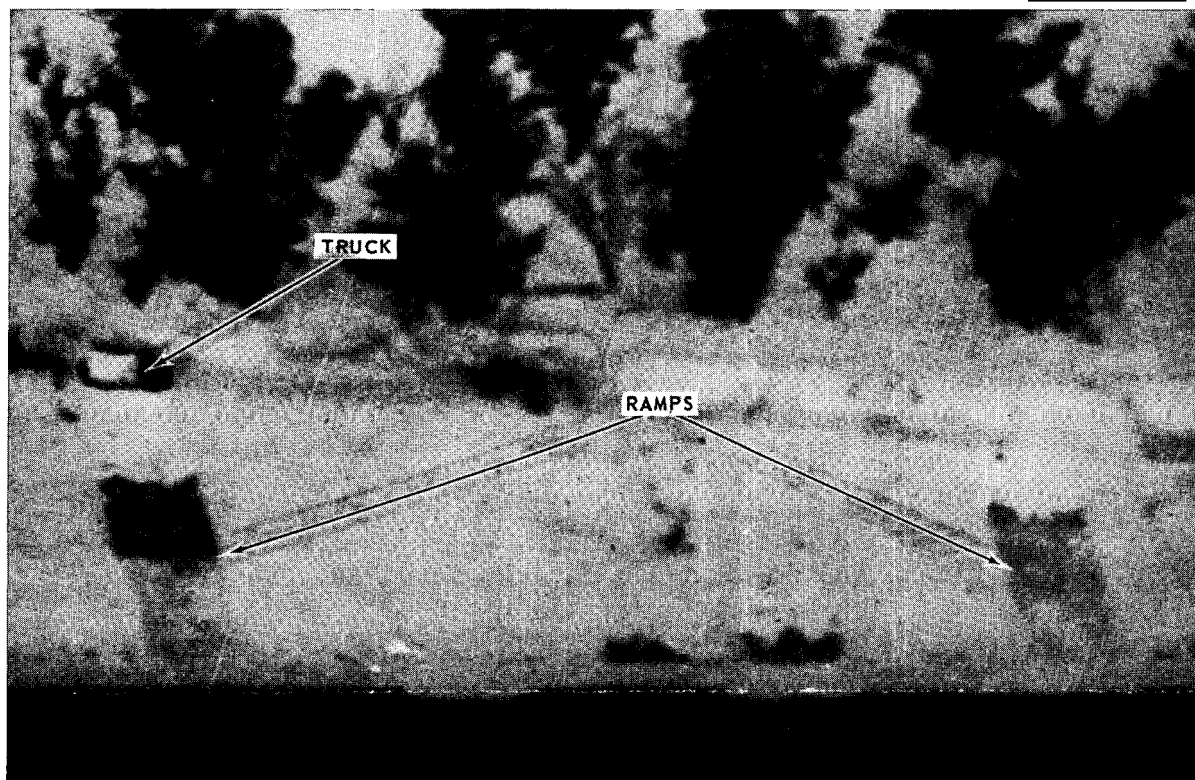


FIGURE 4. PROBABLE ASSAULT RAMPS ON EGYPTIAN SIDE OF SUEZ CANAL, [REDACTED]

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Probable Assault Ramps on Suez Canal

At least nine areas containing graded-earth access ramps under construction have been identified along the Egyptian side of the Suez Canal on Sentinel Keep photography of early [REDACTED]. The ramps appear suitable for use by river crossing equipment or other assault units. The areas are located along a 6 nm section of the canal about 5 to 11 nm south of Ismailia (see Figure 3). Five of the areas have a total of 29 ramps, at least 20 feet wide, which extend from a perimeter road to the edge of the water (see Figure 4). It appeared that some of the ramps were being surfaced with oil or crushed rock. Each of the other four areas consists of a graded portion of the canal bank connected by a loop road to the perimeter road. None of this activity was visible on photography of [REDACTED]

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No river-crossing or engineering equipment was identified in the immediate vicinity of the ramps. However, a large concentration of this type of equipment and a river-crossing exercise were observed about 28 nm west of the ramps on photography of [REDACTED]. In addition, four tank battalions and four motorized rifle battalions were seen encamped about 20 nm west of the ramps on satellite photography of [REDACTED] when that area was last observed.

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